We, the undersigned Koreans, wish to present this appeal to all the leaders and members of the Christian churches of all denominations and of all other religious groups throughout the United States of America.

In connection with the present civil war in Korea which started on June 25, 1950, with the armed clashes between the forces of Southern and Northern Korea, the U. S. Government has been pouring into Southern Korea its navy, air and ground forces. The great ancient city of Pyongyang, the capital of Northern Korea, has been heavily bombed several times by the B-29s. Already hundreds or thousands of innocent women and children may have become the victims of American bombs.

We want to remind you of the fact that the city of Pyongyang has been blessed by the shower of the Christian gospel. We have never dreamed that that sacred city would be laid waste by the shower of American bombs. Will you take pity upon the innocent people of that city for God's sake?

We want to make it clear before you that the so-called "invasion" of Southern Korea by the Northern Korea troops is purely a family dispute for the purpose of reuniting a divided nation. We are seeking a United Republic. We do not want intervention from any outside nations. Your noble historical tradition shows that during the American Civil War neither the Unionists nor the Confederates wanted any armed intervention from the outside. And the United States Governmennt showed its non-intervention in the international affairs of other people when it completely withdrew its navy, air and land forces, and even American civilians from China in connection with the latest Chinese civil war between the Chinese Nationalist and Communist armies.

From the standpoint of the Christian principles of peace and love, we sincerely plead with you to use your constitutional right by urging your President and Congress to stop the armed intervention in Korea this minute and to request them to use good offices so as to bring about an amicable and peaceful settlement of the conflict between the forces of Southern and Northern Korea.

"Malice to none, but goodwill to all," Abraham Lincoln said. "No enemy to a good policy," Confucius said. "Greater love had no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends," Jesus Christ said.

Through the love of all American Christians we sincerely request the United States Government to lay down arms of everybody concerned this minute for the sake of God and mankind.

Once more we earnestly request you American Christian friends to urge your President and Congress to stop the armed intervention for the lives of millions of the Christian and non-Christian brothers and sisters in Korea

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